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CULTIVATION OF VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of vegetable in the country is very low due to the lack of interest of the farmers;

(b) if so, whether the Government has launched any programme for giving support to farmers to grow vegetables; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and success achieved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir. India is the second largest producer of vegetables in the world. Total production of vegetables is estimated at 108.20 million metric tones from an area of 7.05 million ha during 2005-06.

(b)&(c): The Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, namely Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern and Himalayan States (TMNE) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM), aim at increasing the production and productivity of horticultural crops including vegetables. Under these Schemes, assistance is provided to the farmers for quality planting material of elite cultivars, adoption of news technologies, integrated pest and disease management, Integrated nutrient management and farm mechanization. Besides, National Horticulture Board is also implementing schemes which provide assistance for production of vegetables such as tomato, capsicum, etc. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Micro-irrigation provides assistance to farmers for efficient use of water. These measures are expected to enhance the productivity of horticultural crops including vegetable crops to reduce their cost of production and increase the supply to meet round the year demand of these food items. A statement showing the details of area, production & productivity of vegetable crops during 2003-04 to 2005-06 is annexed as Annexure-I.